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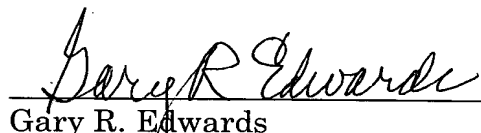
The relevance of Japanese patent documents (AH and AI) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of the publications AJ, AK, AL, AM, AN and AO are submitted herewith.

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	AH	05-332888	02.06.1992	Japan				abstract
	AI	11-511581	10.05.1999	Japan (WO equivalent)				WO abstract
	AJ	2000-171267	09.12.1998	Japan				abstract
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